

Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.

S. 1717

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1717, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of pregnancy-related assistance for targeted low-income pregnant women.

S. 1770

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1770, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research and development credit and to extend certain other expiring provisions for 30 months, and for other purposes.

S. 1791

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1791, a bill to authorize the Librarian of Congress to purchase papers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior, from Dr. King's estate.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1791, *supra*.

S. 1795

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1795, a bill to require that before issuing an order, the President shall cite the authority for the order, conduct a cost benefit analysis, provide for public comment, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution designating December 12, 1999, as "National Children's Memorial Day."

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 200

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLINGS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 200, a resolution designating the week of February 14-20 as "National Biotechnology Week."

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 63—CONDEMNING THE ASSASSINATION OF ARMENIAN PRIME MINISTER VAZGEN SARGSIAN AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS IN MOURNING THIS TRAGIC LOSS OF THE DULY ELECTED LEADERSHIP OF ARMENIA

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 63

Whereas on October 27, 1999, several armed individuals broke into Armenia's Parliament and assassinated the Prime Minister of Armenia, Vazgen Sargsian, the Chairman of the Armenian Parliament, Karen Demirchian, the Deputy Chairman of the Armenian Par-

liament, Yuri Bakhshian, the Minister of Operative Issues, Leonard Petrossian, and other members of the Armenian Government;

Whereas Armenia is working toward democracy, the rule of law, and a viable free market economy since obtaining its freedom from Soviet rule in 1991; and

Whereas all nations of the world mourn the loss suffered by Armenia on October 27, 1999: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—*

(1) deplores the slaying of the Prime Minister of Armenia, Vazgen Sargsian, the Chairman of the Armenian Parliament, Karen Demirchian, the Deputy Chairman of the Armenian Parliament, Yuri Bakhshian, the Minister of Operative Issues, Leonard Petrossian, and other members of the Armenian Government struck down in this violent attack;

(2) strongly shares the determination of the Armenian people that the perpetrators of these vile acts will be swiftly brought to justice so that Armenia may demonstrate its resolute opposition to acts of terror;

(3) commends the efforts of the late Prime Minister and the Armenian Government for their commitment to democracy, the rule of law, and for supporting free market movements internationally; and

(4) continues to cherish the strong friendship between Armenia and the United States.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to express my deepest condolences to the family of the slain Prime Minister of Armenia, Vazgen Sargsian, and the other assassinated leaders of the Armenian Parliament who were tragically killed in the brutal attack on the Armenian Parliament on October 27, 1999. My thoughts and prayers are also with the people of Armenia and the Armenian community around the world and in the United States.

The tragic turn of events that took place earlier this week should not be viewed as an impediment to the ongoing positive trends the world has seen in Armenia. Indeed, Armenia has proven its commitment to a democratic future in its recent elections which were deemed free and fair by international election monitors. They have also made substantial progress on the peace process regarding Nagorno Karabakh.

The United States is enjoying a growing and mutually beneficial relationship with Armenia. Our focus should be on our continued support of the Armenian people. We must not allow the recent terrorist activity to eschew our dedication in helping Armenia achieve the highest form of freedom, liberty, and opportunity. To reaffirm our commitment to the progress embodied by the fallen Armenian patriots not only should be our goal, but our duty as a global leader.

For this reason, I ask to submit a resolution that condemns the terrorist activities that took the lives of the Armenian Prime Minister, Vazgen